

S/027/057

October 6, 2000

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig-Acting Associate Director, Mining State of Utah  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Your delinquency notice 9.29.00 Ebony & Ivory #1 Project I.S027057

Greetings,

I have been in constant communication with Tom Munson your senior reclamation specialist. He has agreed to waive these fees if we could get the inspection work done by the end of October. I have been desperately trying to get in touch with Larry Garahama at the B.L.M. in Fillmore so that the inspection can be done. Hardly anyone returns phone calls in a timely way. Please be of assistance so that we can move ahead and get things done.

Sincerely,

Gary Mullard  
President

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March 17, 2000

Gary Mullard  
Northern Stone Supply, Inc.  
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Re: Permit Fee, Ebony & Ivory #1, S/027/057, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mullard:

This letter is in response to your phone call on March 14, 2000 regarding the recent "final" billing notice for payment of the permit fees for your Ebony & Ivory small mining project. In previous correspondence and phone calls between you and Mr. Tom Munson of the Minerals Regulatory staff, you have been advised that because this site is located on BLM managed lands, we cannot close our file for this project until authorized by the BLM to do so. It has been determined, and you have verbally admitted to me and Mr. Munson, that there is a minimal amount of disturbance at this site. Therefore, the permit fee is due and payable until reclamation has been completed and you are released from the BLM. At that point in time, we can also release you from further reclamation obligations and close our file.

Mr. Mullard, you have had a good reputation within the mining community and with our Division. We are aware that you were even nominated for a reclamation award in 1993 by the Idaho Department of Lands for your excellence in operations. Please do not let this annual fee payment harm our working relationship and your good reputation. We look forward to working with you in the future on other mining projects.

We ask that you kindly forward the fee payment for 1998 and 1999 before April 10<sup>th</sup>. After that date, the matter will no longer be in the Division's hands, but will be turned over to the State Office of Debt Collections.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright  
Associate Director of Mining

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cc: Larry Garahana, BLM, Fillmore FO  
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inspect the site!!  
Why can't Tom  
Munson and  
I meet  
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March 22, 2000

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining  
State of Utah Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Greetings,

I am in receipt of your 3/17 letter concerning the permit fee for Ebony & Ivory mining claim. We must get the information straight on this issue. In my conversations with Mr. Munson over the course of the past year I have told him the following:

- A. Our work on this claim involved some very minor sampling, approximately 5 tons of stone.
- B. Previous operators did tractor work on the claim prior to my purchase.
- C. We relinquished this claim over 1 year ago because we could not see a possibility of profit due to all of the fees from various agencies and an overlapping layer of bureaucratic red tape and endless paper work.
- D. We paid all of our fees, assessments and filed the required reports up until the time we elected to terminate this claim.

The B.L.M. was suppose to inspect many months ago, but nothing has happened. I can not be responsible for a grossly inefficient bureaucracy that does nothing but waste the tax payers dollars and take forever to get the simplest job done. Our activity on this claim merely constituted some very minor discovery work and I do not feel that we are legally obligated to pay your fees or the B.L.M. fees after the property has been relinquished. This fee thing, along with the relentless and unnecessary barrage of paper work has simply gotten out of hand and is killing the incentive for the small operators to take the risks involved.

We are probably the only company in our type of business who does a first class job in Utah. We have spent many, many thousands of dollars over the years improving the areas where we work. Others destroy the land and you seem to make absolutely no progress in taking those people to task. We are a permanent part of the small mining-quarrying business and are not going anywhere soon. After years of seemingly friendly communication Mr. Munson has become antagonistic with his communication. All we get is lip service from the bureaucracy, whether it be state or federal. This is a classic example of taking months and sometimes years to accomplish something that should only take days. I cannot and will not be a pawn in this ridiculous game. My reputation will stand firm and I suggest that you get your people to do their job in a friendly and efficient manner. You will find that we are one of the rare companies that will respond if you are fair, friendly and efficient

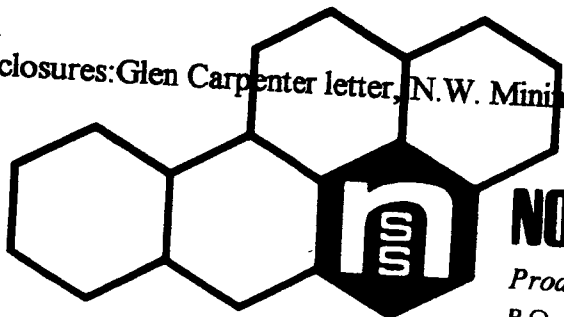
I have enclosed my most recent communication to the B.L.M. that echoes my frustration with their inefficiency.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Mullard  
President

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enclosures: Glen Carpenter letter, N.W. Mining Assoc. mining bulletin



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